(b) if so, the amount sanctioned by the Union Government during 1990-91 and 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission provides Central assistance to the States in the form of block loans and grants to finance their Annual Plans and not on scheme-wise basis.

An outlay of Rs. 1120 crores was approved for Karnataka for its Annual Plan 1990-91 which included a sum of Rs. 75.75 crores for industries including village and small scale sector. For Annual Plan 1991-92, an outlay of Rs. 1510 crores was approved which included a sum of Rs. 95.97 crores for industries including village and small scale sector. The normal Central assistance (gross) provided to Karnataka was Rs. 235.13 crores for the year 1990-91 and Rs. 270.25 crores for 1991-92.

Also under the new scheme of Growth Centres, Karnataka State has been allocated and released an amount of Rs. 150 lakhs for development of infrastructural facilities in the Growth Centres at Dharwad, Hassan and Gillesugar during 1990-91.

Food Processing Industries in Karnataka

3779. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any food processing industries in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of food processing industries functioning in Karnataka at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not directly set up food processing units. However, various plan schemes have been formulated by this Ministry to give financial assistance to State Governments, State Government Corporations, Cooperative Societies, joint sector projects and public sector undertakings for development of food processing industries in different states. A sum of Rs. 2.20 lakhs were sanctioned to Government of Karnataka for a scheme of marketing assistance in 1990-91.

(d) Food Processing Industries are both in organised and unorganised sector and therefore, this information is not maintained centrally. However, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indian and foreign companies engaged in Food Processing Industries

3780. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Indian and foreign companies which are engaged in food processing industries in India;

(b) to what extent the Indian companies have done better work in comparison to the foreign food processing industries;

(c) whether the Government are considering to allow only Indian companies in food processing industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Food Processing Industries are both in the Organised and Unorganised sector and therefore the information regarding all the food processing industries is not maintained centrally. While all